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**PATENT**

Applicant: Randall W. Nelson et al.

Docket No.: 41821.0217

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Examiner: Anne L.  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to April 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: